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**DELAWARE BEACHES BUILDER SELECTED FOR MEMBERSHIP  
IN SOUTHERN LIVING CUSTOM BUILDER PROGRAM**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Lewes, Delaware homebuilder Klabe Homes has been selected for membership in the *Southern Living* Custom Builder Program.

Klabe Homes is one of 100 builders chosen for the fifteenth year of the exclusive *Southern Living* builder program. Each year, *Southern Living* carefully selects members based on their reputation among local businesses and consumers; strength of presence in their respective markets; superior quality and attention to detail; innovative style; and other criteria. Builders also have access to the entire *Southern Living* House Plans Service collection, which includes more than 800 plans created by respected architects and designers throughout the nation.

"The builder program is a natural extension of our overall homes effort, which aims at offering quality designs and new ideas to consumers across the Southeast," said Brent Warren, Manager of the *Southern Living* Builder Program. "We believe we have chosen outstanding builders across the region to help us do this."

Kevin Klabe, a nearly nineteen-year veteran of the homebuilding industry, founded Klabe Homes eight years ago. Since then, his company has built more custom homes at the Delaware beaches than any other builder. In addition to custom-built homes, Klabe Homes recently began offering two new home series to meet the demands of beach community buyers who are interested in a different price point than the builder's custom home clients. In 1992, Mr. Klabe also established Klabe Wood Concepts, Inc., which produces custom cabinetry, laminate pieces, mantles, and millwork at two state-of-the-art facilities, in Wilmington, DE and Lewes, DE, respectively. Mr. Klabe is a Delaware native and resides with his family in Lewes. He is a board member of the Delaware Association of Homebuilders.

**About Southern Living**

*Southern Living* ([www.southernliving.com](http://www.southernliving.com)), the premier lifestyle and entertaining magazine of the South and the eighth largest monthly consumer magazine in the U.S. (based on readership), reaches nearly 16 million readers each month and enjoys a circulation of about 2.8 million. Published 13 times a year, *Southern Living* celebrates the heart of Southern life.

A leader in lifestyle information, Birmingham, Ala.-based Southern Progress Corporation ([www.southernprogress.com](http://www.southernprogress.com)) publishes *Southern Living*, *Cooking Light*, *Health*, *Coastal Living*, *Southern Accents*, *Cottage Living*, and *Sunset* magazines, and books through Oxmoor House. It also operates a direct-selling division, *Southern Living At HOME*. Southern Progress is a subsidiary of Time Inc.

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**About Klabe Custom Homes**

Lewes, DE-based Klabe Homes ([www.klabe.com](http://www.klabe.com)), founded eight years ago by veteran homebuilder Kevin Klabe, is the dominant builder of custom homes on Delaware's Atlantic Coast. A three-time winner of the Delaware Association of Homebuilders' *Regal Award* for excellence in custom homebuilding, Klabe Homes now also offers two new series of homes that enable prospective buyers under the custom home price point to choose and experience Klabe quality. The *Cottage Series* includes home designs of up to 2,700 square feet, and the semi-custom *Coastal Series* homes of 2,700-5,000 square feet.

Klabe Homes' reputation is based on owner Kevin Klabe's personal commitment to produce the finest home possible for each and every client. Klabe Homes is a member of the Home Builders Association of Delaware, the *Southern Living* Custom Builder Program, the Architectural Woodwork Institute, and is an Energy Star Partner. For additional information on Klabe Custom Homes, please contact Kevin Klabe at (302) 644-1100 or visit their website at [www.klabe.com](http://www.klabe.com).

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